



DO YOU
REMEMBER
THE VERY
BEGINNING
OF
"SKY-HIGH
HOP-
SCOTCH"?

CHAPTER 98:
ON ACCOUNT OF HIM
BEING A GENIUS

CAUGHT UP IN
TASUKU'S PLAN,
AKASHI IS SEPARATED
FROM HIS GROUP!

FROM
THE
MOMENT
I SAID
"NOBODY
MOVE,"
MY PLAN
HAD
ALREADY
BEGUN.

AS THE GODS WILL

THE SECOND SERIES

NO-
BODY
MOVE.



I'LL
EXPLAIN
IT IN A
WAY THAT
EVEN YOU
IDIOTS
CAN
UNDER-
STAND.



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THEY'RE
OVER
THERE

...



I HAD
ACTUALLY
ALREADY
FOUND
OTHER
NUMBERS.

FIRST,
AT 1 O'
CLOCK...
BACK WHEN
I SPELLED
OUT "ONE"
AND MADE
THE GOAL
PLATE
APPEAR...

SUMMARY: SHIMURA JOINED "OPERATION: ONE-EYE ARASHI" BECAUSE ARASHI WOULD BE THE LAST PERSON LEFT AFTER EVERYONE ELSE CLEARED, BUT SHORTLY AFTER, TASUKU'S TRUE NATURE WAS REVEALED. EVERYTHING UP TO NOW HAD BEEN PART OF HIS PLAN, AND EVERYONE ELSE HAD BEEN DECEIVED!



"TWELVE."

"ELEVEN"
AND...

BUT EVEN
IF WE
MAKE THE
GOAL
PLATES
APPEAR,
WE'RE
TOO FAR
AWAY...

AREA SEEN
FROM ABOVE

12

YOU ARE HERE

3

8

YES
...

THIS IS
WHERE
WE
FIRST
STARTED
...

EH?
?

YOU
MEAN,
THIS
IS...



I MANIPULATED THINGS SO THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD STEP ON THE "ELEVEN" AND "TWELVE."

ENLARGEMENT

SO AT 2 O'CLOCK... WHILE YOU ALL WERE LOOKING FOR "TWO," THE PLATES ENDED UP CLEARED OUT LIKE THIS...

WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD GO ACROSS THIS ONE-WAY PATH, WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER THEY CAN RETURN?

FOR TWO REASONS ...

WHY DO YOU SAY NO ONE WOULD STEP ON THEM?

HUH?

ONE, IF ANYONE HAPPENS TO COME HERE...

AND THE OTHER REASON IS THE NATURE OF THIS GAME.

HARDLY ANYONE WOULD TAKE A RISK LIKE THAT.

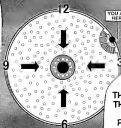
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SO IF YOU GO ACROSS AND IT'S A DEAD-END, THEN YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK.

YOU CAN'T SEE "ELEVEN" AND "TWELVE" FROM HERE...

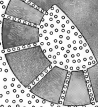
SINCE
YOU MUST
SPELL THE
NUMBER
THEN GO
TO THE
GOAL...

NO ONE
WOULD GO
TO THE
TROUBLE OF
SEARCHING
THE DISTANT
OUTER AREA
OF THE
CIRCLE.



IT'S
THE RULE
THAT THE
GOAL
PLATES
APPEAR
IN THE
CENTER.

IN SHORT,
THIS FORMATION,
MADE IN THE
FAR REACHES
OF THE CIRCLE,
WOULDN'T BE
FOUND; AND THE
POSSIBILITY OF
THE LETTERS
BEING STEPPED
ON WAS
EXCEEDINGLY
SLIM.



I SEIZED ON
THE TRUTH OF
THE MENTALITY
THAT, AS THE GAME
PROGRESSED,
THE PLAYERS
WOULD GATHER
IN THE CENTER.

AND
THEN,
I MADE
USE OF
YOUR
PLAN.

THAT
FORM-
ATION
WASN'T
SIMPLY
TO LOOK
FOR
NUMBERS
...

PART
OF WHICH
WAS THE
FIVE
PERSON
FAN FORM-
ATION.





BUT
YOU
CHANGED
THINGS
DRASTIC-
ALLY,
AKASHI.



THE
MOMENT
YOU
SAVED
THAT
IDIOT
NAMED
SHIMURA
...

HUH
?

MY
SURVIVAL
WAS
ASSURED.



THERE-
FORE,
IN THE
EVENT
THAT I
WON ROCK,
PAPER,
SCISSORS
IN "OPER-
ATION:
BYE-BYE
SIX"...

I WOULD
CLEAR AS
PLANNED.



IT HAD THE
PURPOSE
OF CLEARING
AWAY THE
PLATES ...

AS WE
PROCESSED.



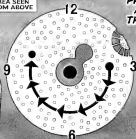
EVEN
SO...

MY
PLAN
WAS
STILL
UNCER-
TAIN
AT THIS
STAGE.



WAS
INTER-
RUPTED
BY YOUR
SCUFFLE
WITH THAT
POOL-CUE
GUY.

AREA SEEN
FROM ABOVE



OUR
PROGRESS
AROUND
THE CLOCK
FACE...

AND OUR
TEAM WAS
GATHERED
AT THE
TEN.

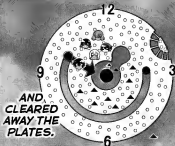


AH
OH
NO!!

THE OTHER
PLAYERS
RAN TO THE
OPPOSITE
SIDE...



ON MY WAY
TO JOIN UP
WITH YOU,
I HEADED
TOWARD THE
CENTER...



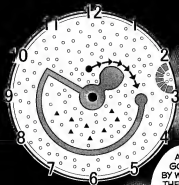
AND
CLEARED
AWAY THE
PLATES.

SECURED
MY
PLAN.



WHICH
IN TURN

...



I MADE
USE OF THE FACT
THAT YOU
WERE GOING
TO TRY
YOUR PLAN
ONCE
AGAIN...

LEAVING
ENOUGH
PLATES
TO GET
TO THE
"ELEVEN"
AND
"TWELVE"
...

AND
GOING
BY WAY OF
THE AREA
THAT HAD
BEEN
WIPE OUT
BEFORE-
HAND...

AH
...

I
INTENTION-
ALLY
LEAD US
BACK TO
THIS
SPOT.

THAT'S
FINE.

STOP

HOP
HOP
HOP

IS SOME-
THING
HAPPENING
OUT THERE
NOW...?

NO
WAY
?!

?!
?

HEY-WHAT
IS THIS
?!

YOU
DON'T
MEAN
...

SAME
THING
OVER
HERE!!

THE
OUTER
AND
INNER
AREAS
ARE
SEPA-
RATED!!!

I
CAN'T GO
FARTHER
OUT!!



EVEN YOU
IDIOTS CAN
UNDER-
STAND
NOW,
HUH?

YOU
...



NOW THAT
THE AREA
IS DIVIDED
IN TWO,
THERE'S
NO ONE
WHO CAN
GET IN
OUR WAY.

12

9

WE
EACH
TAKE A
GOAL
AND
THEN
IT'S
OVER.

6

STEP

3

I'LL
TAKE
"11"...

AND
YOU
TAKE
"12."

YOU
AND I
HAVE A
100%
CHANCE
OF SUR-
VIVING.



YOU
COULD
HAVE
SURVIVED
WITH
"OPER-
ATION:
BYE-BYE
AKASHI!"
!!

AND WHY
DID YOU
HAVE
TO DO
THIS
ANYWAY
?!

YOU'VE
GOT
TO BE
KID-
DING!

WHAT
ABOUT
TENNA-
CHAN AND
CHINATSU-
CHAN?!



AKA-SHI...

I LOVE
TO
MESS
WITH
IDIOTS
LIKE
YOU.

ABOUT
DYING
FOR
YOUR
FRIENDS
REALLY
IS.

I WANT TO
THOROUGHLY BEAT
INTO YOU THE IDEA
OF JUST HOW
INFANTILE YOUR
SELF-RIGHTEOUS
BABBLING...



TASU-KU...

YOU
...

THAT'S
ALSO
WHY I'M
EXPLAINING
ALL THIS TO
YOU LIKE AN
IDIOT.



OH ?

I MIS-
JUDGED
YOU...

I WAS
AN
IDIOT
TO
TRUST
YOU.



IF IT
ANNOYS
YOU,
THEN
RESCUE
THEM.

I KNOW.
IT'S
JUST THE
IDIOTIC
THING
YOU'D
DO.

YOUR
PRECIOUS,
SO-CALLED
FRIENDS.



D-
DAM-
MIT...





SO
YOU'LL
BE ABLE
TO
CLEAR!!

IT'S
OKAY
!!

I'LL
LOOK
FOR
NUMBERS
ON THIS
SIDE
TOO!!

I WILL
HELP
YOU!!



TRUST
ME!!



...
AKA-
SHI-
SAN
...



I'M
SOR-
RY...

I
CAN'T
...

HUH
?!



**YOU CAN
JUST
SAVE
YOUR-
SELF AT
THE LAST
MOMENT**
...

**HOW
CAN I
POSSIBLY
BELIEVE
YOU...?!**

**SO ALL
I HEAR
ARE
EMPTY
PROMISES.**



**TENMA-
CHAN
...?**



**I
MEAN,
AKA-
SHI-
SAN**
...

**YOU'RE
ALREADY
SAVED,
RIGHT?**

?!



**IDIOTIC
PEOPLE
ARE...**

**THIS
IS WHY
THEY'RE
SO
BORING.**

**GO
BEYOND MY
ASSUMP-
TIONS FOR
ONCE!**

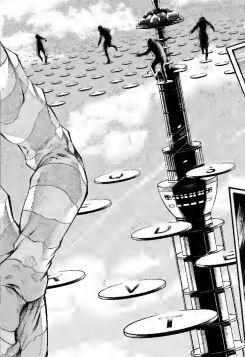
**ALWAYS
JUST
AS I
PREDICT
THEM.**

**HOW
MANY
TIMES
...**

**MUST I
DESPAIR
IN MY
OWN
VICTORY?**

**AH
SHIT,
I'M
START-
ING TO
SOUND
LIKE A
NIHILIST
...**

**SOMEONE
PLEASE...**



**CONFUSE
ME!**



**CONFUSE
ME!**

**SOMEONE
PLEASE...**





I MIGHT
AS WELL
SURVIVE
TO THE
END...

...
THERE'S
NOTHING
ELSE TO
DO.

AND
BECOME
A GOD.

THIS IS THE EDITOR, T-YAI
TASUKU DECLARES VICTORY!
IF YOU'RE THAT BORED, HOW
ABOUT THE GOD OF POPULARITY,
T-YA, INTRODUCES YOU TO SOME
GIRLS? HOW ABOUT SOME
SEXY ONES?!

THEN I
WONDER
IF THIS
BOREDOM...

WILL
EASE
JUST A
LITTLE...

TO BE CONTINUED...